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SUBJ: ITALO-YUGOSLAV DISPUTE

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1. AGREE THERE NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST ANY SOVIET INVOLVEMENT OR "PRODDING" OF YUGOSLAVS IN CURRENT DISPUTE WITH ITALY. GAJA'S REMARKS (PARA 3 REFTEL) MAY INDICATE THAT ITALIANS VIEW SOVIET INFLUENCE ON YUGOSLAV BEHAVIOR AS GREATER THAN WE BELIEVE TO BE THE CASE.

2. WITH REGARD TO ITALIAN PERCEPTIONS OF MINIC AS BEING RELATIVELY PRO-SOVIET, THEY WOULD APPEAR TO BE HARKING BACK TO UNFOUNDED SPECULATION AT THE TIME OF HIS APPOINTMENT, BASED PRIMARILY ON ASSESSMENTS OF HIS POSTURE STEMMING FROM HIS FORMER ROLE AS PROSECUTOR OF GENERAL MIHAJLOVIC. MINIC'S PERFORMANCE IN THE JOB, AND OUR OBSERVATIONS OF HIM BOTH FIRST AND SECOND HAND, DO NOT SUPPORT A "PRO-SOVIET" OR "HARD-LINE" TAG. ON THE CONTRARY, WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A MAN OF BALANCED VIEWS, WHO BRINGS A MINIMUM OF PRECONCEPTIONS TO HIS JOB ALTHOUGH AN ARDENT SUPPORTER

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OF YUGOSLAVIA'S LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE NONALIGNED

MOVEMENT. THIS IS THE VIEW OF HIM WHICH IS HELD BY THE
BRITISH, FRENCH, AND GERMANS AS WELL, BASED ON THEIR
CONTACTS WITH HIM. WE HAVE NOT HEARD RUMORS OF HIS REPLACE-
MENT AS FOREIGN SECRETARY, BUT RATHER THAT HE LIKELY WILL BE
REAPPOINTED. TOON

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